GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3732
ANSWERED ON:23.12.2004
SONEPUR DIGHA RAIL BRIDGE
Modi Shri Sushil Kumar

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given sanction to the construction of the Sonepur-Digha rail Bridge on the Ganga river near Patna and a rail bridge at Munger on the Ganga and also one rail bridge at Nirmali-Bhaptihai on the Koshi river;

(b) if so, the position in regard to the estimates, budgetary provision, allocation made and expenditure incurred on the above projects; separately;

(c) the progress of construction work till date; and

(d) the time by which the above projects are likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) to (d) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3732 BY SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.12.2004 REGARDING SONEPUR-DIGHA RAIL BRIDGE.

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) : The details regarding budgetary allocation made during 2004-05, expenditure incurred upto 31.03.2004, current status and likely target date of completion in respect of the projects are given as under:-

Name of the Project	Anticipated Cost (Rs. in crores)	Approximate expenditure incurred upto 31.3.2004 (Rs. in crores)	Outlay provided during 2004-05 (Rs. in Crores)	Current status including position of estimate and target date for completion wherever fixed
1. Patna-Ganga bridge with linking lines (19 kms)	624.47	116.26	50.00	The detailed estimate has been sanctioned. Land acquisition, earthworks and foundation works are in progress. Road over bridge at Bailey Road in progress. Targeted for completion by 2007-2008. The work is under National Rail Vikas Yojana.
2.. Munger-rail -cum-Road Bridge on river Ganga (14 kms)	921.00	22.52	30.00	Final location survey including detailed investigations completed. The detailed estimate has been sanctioned. Sub-structure works in progress. The project is under National Rail Vikas Yojana.
3.. Kosi Bridge (21.85 kms))	323.41	0.71	10.00	Part detailed estimate has been sanctioned. Tenders for earthwork and minor bridges in approaches have been finalized. Single

tender for geo-technical investigation, detailed design of bridge and preparation of tender documents has been awarded to M/s. RITES. Work of soil exploration for Tiljuga bridge completed. The work is under National Rail Vikas Yojana.